

Good afternoon Megan –

On Friday, March 22, 2019, the Guyana Court of Appeals reversed (by a vote of 2-1) a December 21, 2018 lower court's opinion upholding the National Assembly's 33-32 vote (out of 65 members of the National Assembly) of no confidence because, according to the Court of Appeals, a 33-32 vote does not constitute a majority and instead a no confidence vote needed an "absolute majority" of 34. (Note: the lower court decided that the December 2018 no confidence vote triggered Article 106(7) under Guyana's Constitution, which requires presidential and parliamentary elections within 90 days of such a vote).

The PPP believes that Friday's decision by Guyana's Court of Appeals (the highest court in Guyana) will be reversed by the Caribbean Court of Justice because it defies mathematical logic and is not a correct reading of the Constitutional requirements. In fact, when the current government was in opposition, it always argued that only 33 votes would be required for a no-confidence vote.

As the PPP awaits for the Caribbean Court of Justice to hear and decide the case, the PPP will continue insisting that the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) must be prepared to hold free and fair and internationally monitored elections at the earliest possible time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,  
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